

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

21. (New) A production process for a water-absorbing agent, said water-absorbing agent comprising an acidic water-absorbent resin and a basic water-absorbent resin having irregular shape particles, the process comprising the step of

combining a basic resin and a crosslinking agent in a reaction vessel and crosslinking said basic resin while applying shear stress to said basic resin in order to obtain said irregular shape basic water-absorbent resin particles.

22. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 21, said combining step being carried out by coexisting with the acidic water-absorbent resin to obtain a mixture of the acidic water-absorbent resin and the basic water-absorbent resin.

23. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 21, further comprising the step of blending said acidic water-absorbent resin with basic water-absorbing resin to produce said water-absorbing agent.

24. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 21, wherein said acidic water-absorbent resin is a particle having a water content of less than 20 weight %.

25. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 22, further comprising the step of discharging the entirety of said basic water-absorbent resin from a reaction vessel and thereafter discharging and pulverizing said basic water-absorbent resin.

26. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 22, further comprising the steps of continuously supplying said basic resin and crosslinking agent into said reaction vessel,

continuously crosslinking said basic resin and pulverizing said basic water-absorbent resin in said reaction vessel, and

continuously discharging the resulting pulverized product from said reaction vessel.

27. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 21, wherein at least 80 weight % of said water-absorbent agent has a particle size of 10 μm to 1000 μm .

28. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 23, further comprising the steps of

advancing said crosslinking reaction while pulverizing said basic water-absorbent agent in said reaction vessel and thereafter discharging the entirety of the resulting pulverized product.

29. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 23, further comprising the steps of

supplying said basic resin and said crosslinking agent into said reaction vessel and crosslinking and pulverizing said basic water-absorbent resin in said reaction vessel, and thereafter discharging the entirety of the resulting pulverized product from said reaction vessel.

30. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 21, comprising the step of applying said shear stress to pulverize said basic water-absorbent resin.

31. (New) A production process for a water-absorbing agent, said water-absorbing agent comprising an acidic water-absorbent resin and an irregular shape basic water-absorbent resin, said process comprising the steps of

combining a basic resin and a crosslinking agent in a reaction vessel and crosslinking said basic resin while applying shear stress to said basic resin to obtain said irregular shape basic water-absorbent resin, and

adding said acidic water-absorbent resin either before and/or during said crosslinking reaction or after said crosslinking reaction.

32. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 31, wherein said acidic water-absorbent resin is added to said basic water-absorbent resin before and/or during said crosslinking reaction.

33. (New) The production process for a water-absorbing agent of claim 31, wherein said acidic water-absorbent resin is blended with said basic water-absorbent resin after said crosslinking reaction.

34. (New) A production process for a water-absorbing agent, said water-absorbing agent comprising an acidic water-absorbent resin and an irregular shape basic water absorbent resin, the process comprising the step of

combining a basic resin and a crosslinking agent in a reaction vessel and crosslinking said basic resin while applying shear stress to said basic resin to obtain particles of said irregular shape basic water-absorbent resin,

where said process further comprises the step of blending said acidic water-absorbent resin with the basic water-absorbent resin, or the step of obtaining a mixture of an acidic water-absorbent resin and the basic water-absorbent resin, where said basic water-absorbent resin coexists with the acidic water-absorbent resin when carrying out the crosslinking reaction.

35. (New) The process of claim 31, wherein said process comprises continuously combining said basic resin with said crosslinking agent and continuously crosslinking said basic resin, and
continuously adding said water-absorbent resin to said basic resin.